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[1] Communication No. 1688, dated August 15, 1970, denouncing acts alleged to be in violation of human rights occurring in Nicaragua in April 1970, and attributed to elements of the National Guard.

[2] The Commission, in a note dated September 18, 1970, requested the corresponding information from the Government of Nicaragua in accordance with Articles 42 and 44 of its Regulations.

[3] The Government of Nicaragua, in a note dated September 28, 1970 (No. 0096), reported as follows: that a climate of respect for human rights prevailed in the country; that persons accused of crimes were brought to trial before the competent courts with all guarantees of due process; and that, with respect to the acts mentioned in the denunciation, it was possible that these were actions taken by the armed forces against bandits. Nonetheless, the pertinent information had been requested from the competent authorities, and would be transmitted to the Commission.

[4] In view of the foregoing, the Commission, at its Twenty-fourth Session (October 1970), decided to postpone its study of the case awaiting the information offered. This decision was communicated to the Government concerned in a note dated November 23, 1970.

[5] At its Twenty-fifth Session (March 1971), the Commission, on the basis of the recommendation of the rapporteur appointed for this case, Dr. Gabino Fraga, decided to inform the complainants of the pertinent parts of the note from the Government of Nicaragua, and to repeat its request to that Government for the corresponding information.

[6] At the Twenty-sixth Session (October-November 1971), the rapporteur presented a "Second Report on Case 1788," recommending that another request be made to the Government of Nicaragua for the information that had been offered, with mention of the period prescribed in Article 51 of the Regulations of the Commission, and noting that since this period had already expired, the Commission hoped the information offered would be made available not later than December 28, 1971.

[7] The Commission approved this recommendation, addressing a note to the Government concerned on November 17, 1971.

[8] The Government of Nicaragua has not replied.